

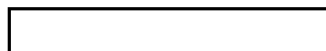
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The carefully worded resolution of the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party of 23 July reveals the intention of major elements within the new regime in Hungary to dissociate themselves from the hard-line policies of deposed party boss Matyas Rakosi.

Although the resolution represents a compromise which promises virtually all things to all members, its over-all tenor and some specific statements reflect a major concession to the more moderate forces, particularly those which advocate party democratization. If Gero's appointment is a provisional one, as has been strongly suggested by some Western and Yugoslav observers, Hungarian policy appears to be on the road toward some relaxation.

The USSR's apparent approval of this trend, based in large part upon its desire to end Hungarian party strife, might, however, be withdrawn if serious threats to party unity, prevalent under Rakosi, continue under the new leadership.

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